

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DAVID NELSON,
MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT JUDGE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable Judge David Nelson as he retires from Mendocino County Superior Court.

David Nelson was born in Rochester, Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University in 1968 and received his Juris Doctorate in 1971 from Yale Law School. He began practicing law as the Deputy Public Defender for Contra Costa County for three years before eventually starting his private practice.

In 2003 he was appointed to a judgeship with Mendocino County Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis and was re-elected for two terms in 2004 and 2010. Over his thirteen years of service, Judge Nelson presided over criminal, felony criminal, and juvenile courts. Most notably, he has been an avid supporter for the Adult Drug Court serving as its judge throughout his career. This program, which provides treatment and rehabilitation for drug offenders, has helped many individuals across Mendocino County. In addition to his official duties, Judge Nelson has served as President of the Mendocino County Bar Association, President of the Mendocino County Criminal Defense Bar Association, and Board Member of the Law Library. He and his wife Judith are known for their active involvement with many groups throughout the community.

Judge Nelson's legacy is one of dedicated service to the County of Mendocino and worthy of distinction. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his long and exceptional career and outstanding contributions to our legal system.

CONGRATULATING THE REFUGIO BOBCATS

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on a lighter note, I'd like to congratulate Coach Jason Herring and the Refugio Bobcats football team for winning their fourth state championship.

The Bobcats had a 15–1 record this school year and defeated Crawford in the championship game 23–20 in an impressive game-winning 18-yard field goal by kicker Diego Gonzales with only eight seconds remaining.

Quarterback Jacobe Avery was Championship Game offensive MVP and Linebacker

Kobie Herring was named defensive MVP. This was an impressive year for the whole team. Winning is a Refugio tradition. The Bobcats have won the state championship in 1970, 1982, 2011 and have been in the state championship three out of the past four years and now in 2016 the Bobcats are once again state champions. Way to go Refugio.

Members of the 2016 Refugio Bobcat Championship Team:

Donavon Bailey, Dhairesus Nobbie, Jaylon Mascorro, Jeffrey Owens, Robert Ortiz, Juan Martinez, Trent Ross, Devon Tilley, Chris Moya, Jackson Carroll, Ysidro Mascorro, Tayvin Castellano, D'Mond LaFond, Jeremy Borjas, Casey Henderson, Kobie Herring, Armonie Brown, Jacobe Avery, Trey Upton, Prentiss Jones, Trace Mascorro, Kevin Plascencia, Gayton Wills, Austin Moya, Daniel Valdez, Trevor Ross, Oswaldo Martinez, Jared Kelley, Ivan Tagle, Russell Jaso, Matthew Castillo, Diego Gonzales, Chris Vela, Kaleb Henning, Cipi Solis, Jamel LaFond, Oscar Lerma, Michael Moore, Joseph Montemayor, Johnathan Havens, Thomas Keyes, Alex Rodriguez, Arthur Morales, Anthony Delgado, Alfredo Villarreal, Jonathan Flores, Robert Montalvo, Ruben Gallegos, Jake Tinsman, Jacob Thompson, Thomas Marsh, Tyler Repka, Kaleb Wright, Dareon Wills, Jarren Gonzales, Corbin Brown, Colten Hesseltine, Devin Flores, Sylvester Henderson, Fernando Cordero, Mikey Firova, Jordy Martinez, Daniel Bailey, Jaden Hubbard, Dillon Bailey, Eric Garcia, Daniel Quesada, Daryon Ramirez.

Head Coach: Jason Herring.

Assistant Coaches: Drew Cox, Eli Boxell, Anthony Quintanilla, Darren Hunkapillar, Cameron Cox, Kent Hawthorne, Joe Bob Ratliff, Jarod Kay.

CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island on its fiftieth anniversary. It is my honor to recognize the club and all of its members on this important milestone, which marks the lasting contributions its members have made, and continue to make, toward the lives of a whole host of people through their work, most of whom they will never personally know. They range from buying the first ambulance for Hilton Head Island, to members providing dental care on trips to Chile and Romania. They have raised money and helped with many other local groups, such as the Deep Well Project, Happy Feet, and Memory Matters, but my point here is this is a group that has consistently done great work for others in our community.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders dedicated to high ethical standards and humanitarian service. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries. Since receiving its charter on April 13, 1967, the Rotary Club of Hilton Head has embraced the high ideals of Rotary. The members of the club have developed opportunities for service and maintained high ethical standards in business and professional ventures, and done countless things to improve the quality of life on Hilton Head Island and beyond. With that, I would again ask that you please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island on its fiftieth anniversary and in wishing its members the best of luck as they continue their work and service to others.

HONORING MR. EDWARD DIOKNO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Rep. MARK DESAULNIER, rise today to honor Edward Diokno upon his retirement after 12 years of service with Contra Costa County. Mr. Diokno currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Supervisor Federal Glover and has been a thoughtful policymaker and committed voice for Filipino Americans in the County.

Mr. Diokno is a lifelong East County resident with a passion for serving our community. He served our country in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and later joined the Army Reserves. Mr. Diokno then worked as a journalist for 28 years with the Philippine News, Oakland Tribune, and Contra Costa Times where he reported on politics and policy-making.

Upon joining the County, Mr. Diokno served as a Senior Field Representative and then a Policy Analyst before stepping into his current position with Supervisor Glover. In his various roles, Mr. Diokno facilitated the County's first recognition of the contributions of Filipino Americans, developed small business initiatives, and worked with committees and advisory bodies developing health policy at the county level. He also served as the principal liaison to Bay Point, the County's largest unincorporated community.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Diokno has served our country and our county and his legacy sets a high standard to which other public servants should aspire. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

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